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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
Shigenori Ohta, et al.)	Examiner:
Application No.: 09/890,217)	Group Art Unit:
Int. Filing Date: November 29, 2000)	
For: METHOD OF ENHANCING)	
SALTY TASTE, SALTY TASTE)	
ENHANCER, SALTY TASTE)	
SEASONING AGENT AND)	
SALTY TASTE-ENHANCED)	
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DECLARATION OF AKI MORITA

Sir:

My current name is Aki Morita. I am an inventor of the above-identified U.S. Patent application. I am also a named inventor of PCT/JP00/08391 upon which this application is based. In the PCT/JP00/08391 application, I am named as "Aki Nakagawa".

Previous to filing the PCT/JP00/08391 PCT application on November 29, 2000 my name was Aki Nakagawa. Following November 29, 2000, I was married and conventionally adopted my husband's name as my surname, hence I became Aki Morita.

However, I am the one and same individual who is both an inventor of the PCT/JP00/08391 application and the US 09/890,217 application, together with my co-inventors Shigenori Ohta, Chiaki Saitoh and Hiroaki Iwasaki.

My marriage was registered in a family register under the Family Registration Act in Japan and I began to use the surname Morita following the registration.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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